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NEWSPAPER

LA TIMES -- LINDA MATHEWS FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIS
CHINESE HOSTS MONDAY, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 5-YEAR
HISTORY OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THERE WAS NO MEMBER
OF CHINA'S RULING POLITBURO AT BARGAINING TABLE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ABSENCE OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL MAY MEAN CHINESE VIEW
FIRST ROUND OF TALKS AS EXPLORATORY. FIRST SESSION WAS
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LOW-KEYED, DID NOT EVEN TOUCH ON TAIWAN QUESTION.
INSTEAD, VANCE OUTLINED US GLOBAL POLICY.

-- VANCE RECEPTION IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO WELCOMES
GIVEN HAK. MASSES DEMONSTRATING IN STREETS PAID LITTLE
ATTENTION TO SECRETARY'S PARTY; STATE-RUN PRESS GAVE IT
LITTLE PUBLICITY. VANCE SAID TO BE SATISFIED BECAUSE

RECEPTION WAS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PREDICTION THAT
NEGOTIATION OF NORMALIZATION WILL BE LENGTHY PROCESS.

-- ACCORDING TO US OFFICIALS, STRATEGY ALL ALONG WAS
FOR VANCE TO DEVELOP WITH CHINESE PATTERN OF CONSULTATION
ON WORLD ISSUES BEFORE TACKLING TAIWAN QUESTION.

-- AT BANQUET, HUANG NOTED THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS IN
SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. JUST AS THEY SAT DOWN TO
DINNER, NCNA RELEASED TEXT OF HUA SPEECH RESTATING PRC
POSITION ON TAIWAN. THIS SUGGESTS CHINESE WILL RESIST
VANCE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THEM DISAVOW USE OF FORCE
AGAINST TAIWAN.

WIRE SERVICES

AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE CONTINUED HIS EXPOSITION OF US
FOREIGN POLICY TO CHINESE LEADERS TUESDAY. BUT KEY
ISSUE, FUTURE OF US-CHINESE RELATIONS, WAS BEING RESERVED
FOR A CRUCIAL MEETING WITH DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-
PING."

OTHER POINTS:
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-- US OFFICIALS SAID VANCE WOULD MEET TENG WEDNESDAY.
AT THAT TIME, TENG IS EXPECTED TO GIVE PEKING'S RESPONSE
TO CARTER ADMIN'S OVERTURES FOR CLOSER TIES.

-- VANCE COMPLETED SECOND ROUND OF TALKS TUESDAY.
NORMALIZATION WAS "ONLY TOUCHED ON;" MEETING WAS PRIMARILY
A REPORT BY VANCE ON US FOREIGN POLICY.

-- KEY ISSUE IS CHINA'S INSISTENCE THAT US MUST CUT
TIES WITH TAIWAN; ADMIN OFFICIALS SAID VANCE IS CARRYING
NO NEW PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH TAIWAN PROBLEM.
STRATEGY IS TO COAX THEM INTO COOPERATING IN AREAS
WHERE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE COMMON INTEREST IN COUNTERING
SOVIET INFLUENCE.

-- TUESDAY NIGHT VANCE AND HUANG ATTENDED ACROBATICS
PERFORMANCE.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE, HALFWAY THROUGH HIS VISIT TO

CHINA, HAS FOUND COMMUNIST LEADERS IN NO HURRY TO ACT ON NORMALIZATION OF US-CHINA RELATIONS, THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE OF THEIR TALKS, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID TUESDAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE STILL HAS NO INDICATION WHETHER HE WILL SEE HUA. LACK OF SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE SERIOUS SETBACK TO VANCE MISSION AND TO US HOPES FOR GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

-- IN SECOND ROUND OF TALKS, VANCE DELIVERED LETTER FROM CARTER TO HUA. MEETINGS SO FAR HAVE CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF VANCE EXPOSITION OF US POLICY. REAL UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATING HAS NOT YET BEGUN.

-- VANCE AND AIDES CONSIDER NORMALIZATION TO BE KEY POINT OF VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT ARE NOT IMPATIENT AT LACK OF PROGRESS, OFFICIAL SAID, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HASTY ATTITUDE COULD PROMPT CHINESE TO ASK CONCESSIONS.

-- MEMBERS OF VANCE PARTY SAID THEY HAD IMPRESSION CHINESE WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH OWN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. HUA STATEMENT INDICATED CHINESE DETERMINED TO ABSORB TAIWAN, BUT WAS VAGUE ON DETAILS.

REUTERS -- COVERAGE WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS MORNING STORY.

TV NETWORKS

NBC

JOHN CHANCELLOR: "SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S MISSION TO PEKING SO FAR HAS BEEN DISTINGUISHED BY THE ABSENCE OF ANY OF THE HIGHEST ECHELONS OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP AFTER TWO DAYS OF TALKS. HOWEVER, JACK REYNOLDS REPORTS FROM PEKING THAT WILL BE NOT THE CASE TOMORROW WHEN ONE OF THE TOP FIVE LEADERS WILL BE AT THE TABLE.

REYNOLDS: VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE TALKS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS NECESSARILY MEANS ANY DRAMATIC BREAK-THROUGH. IT COULD SIMPLY BE A MATTER OF COURTESY, AS HE AND VANCE MET IN PEKING IN 1975. MR. TENG WILL ALSO HOST A BANQUET TOMORROW NIGHT. THE WELCOMING BANQUET WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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HOSTED BY THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA, BUT THE ROOM WAS NOT THE SAME ONE AS WAS USED FOR FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER. IT WAS SMALLER. THE GUESTS SMALLER IN NUMBER AND LESS IMPORTANT -- INDICATIONS THAT THE CHINESE AT LEAST INITIALLY WERE DOWNPLAYING THE VISIT. THE TOASTS SEEMED BLAND ENOUGH, BUT THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S HAD A POLITE STING IN IT. WITHOUT DIRECTLY MENTIONING TAIWAN, THE AMERICANS WERE SIMPLY REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN HUA'S FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS TO THE RECENT PARTY CONGRESS. WHAT HUA HAD SAID WAS VERY SPECIFIC AND VERY STRONG. HE STATED "TAIWAN PROVINCE IS CHINA'S SACRED TERRITORY. WE ARE DETERMINED TO LIBERATE TAIWAN. WHEN AND HOW IS ENTIRELY CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR, WHICH BROOKS NO INTERFERENCE WHATSOEVER." SO, ONCE AGAIN, THE CHINESE POLITELY, BUT FIRMLY, MADE THEIR POSITION CLEAR.

ALTHOUGH VANCE WILL SEE VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TOMORROW, THERE IS NO INDICATION YET THAT VANCE WILL GET TO SEE THE PARTY CHAIRMAN, HUA KUO-FENG. IF HE DOESN'T, HE WILL BE THE FIRST HIGH AMERICAN DIGNITARY NOT TO SEE THE LEADER OF CHINA SINCE THE NIXON-KISSINGER OPENING TO THAT COUNTRY.

ABC

PETER JENNINGS: BY THE END OF THE SECOND DAY IN PEKING THERE WAS NO REAL INDICATION THAT MR. VANCE HAD MADE ANY PROGRESS TOWARD HIS GOAL OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON. CONVERSELY, THERE WERE SOME STRONG INTIMATIONS THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE VERY EASY.

DURING TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. VANCE HAS DONE MOST OF THE TALKING, LAYING OUT THE AMERICAN VIEW OF GLOBAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES. THE CHINESE HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED, THOUGH THERE IS NOT MUCH DOUBT HERE THAT THEY REMAIN FIRM ON THE MAJOR POINT OF

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CONTENTION -- THE US AND TAIWAN. TAIWAN IS AN INTERNAL CHINESE MATTER, THEY SAY, ON WHICH THEY WILL BROOK NO INTERFERENCE.

THE CHINESE USE A VARIETY OF WAYS TO MAKE POLITICAL POINTS. THIS BANQUET WAS REGARDED AS ONE OF THEM; A WAY OF TELLING MR VANCE THAT HIS WELCOME WASN'T ALL THAT

WARM. IT WAS HELD IN AN INSIGNIFICANT DINING ROOM AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, THERE WAS NO MEMBER OF THE RULING POLITBORO PRESENT, NO MUSIC. INCLUDING THE TWO SPEECHES, THE WHOLE THING WAS OVER IN 90 MINUTES. THE SPEECHES BY MR. VANCE AND THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE ESSENTIALLY A RESTATEMENT OF THEIR BASIC POSITIONS. (TRANSLATOR:) "THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES ARE BOTH GREAT PEOPLES. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER...THERE WAS IN THE PAST AN UNFRIENDLY PERIOD AND THERE ARE NOW STILL PROBLEMS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SECRETARY VANCE: "THE PRESIDENT HAS STATED THAT OUR POLICY TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND THAT NORMALIZATION IS THE GOAL OF THAT POLICY."

REYNOLDS: LATE TONIGHT, THINGS WERE LOOKING UP FOR MR. VANCE. ONE MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP, VICEPREMIERE TENG SHAIOPING, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR. VANCE TOMORROW AND WILL ALSO GIVE A DINNER FOR HIM TOMORROW NIGHT.

AS MR. VANCE AND THE CHINESE LEADERS TRY TO FIND A WAY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA CAN AGREE ON THE ISSUE OF TAIWAN, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE USE AS A SUGGESTION WHAT IS CALLED THE JAPAN FORMULA.

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(HERE FOLLOWS LONG REPORT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND TAIWAN.)

HARRY REASONER: THE DELICATE SUBJECT OF TAIWAN IS EXPECTED TO COME UP TOMORROW WHEN SECRETARY VANCE HAS HIS THIRD MEETING WITH HIS CHINESE HOSTS.

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